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102nd FIELD ARTILLERY TO CASE COLORS AT CASTLE ISLAND

CASTLE ISLAND, Mass. – The 102nd Field Artillery will be deactivated in a ceremony held Saturday, July 15, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at Fort Independence, Castle Island, South Boston.

The deactivation, a result of the Army's transformation, will coincide with a turnaround cruise of the USS Constitution. The 102nd will fire a gun salute to the ship, rendering a last honor before the casing of the colors.

Organized in July 1786 in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia at Salem as the Cadet Company and assigned to the 1st Brigade 2nd Division, the unit was reorganized in 1874 as a battalion and redesignated as the Second Corps of Cadets. In 1972 it was named the 102nd Field Artillery and in 1996 reorganized as a regiment to consist of the 1st Battalion.

The 102nd has participated in many campaigns including the Civil War, World War I, World War II, The Spanish-American War and the current Global War on Terrorism.

Army transformation is the process by which the Army is organized and equipped to battle threats in the Global War on Terror. It creates smaller, more responsive and adaptable organizations that can accomplish today's missions more effectively.

Media are invited and must register at the above number

WHAT: Deactivation of 1st Battalion, 102nd Field Artillery
WHEN: Saturday, July 15, 2006, 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: Fort Independence, Castle Island, South Boston, MA.

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